

DEAR EDITOR....

Down With The Derricks

Editor,
Torrance Press
I was happy to open up the paper this morning and see that at least someone is going to do something about the eye-sore, as well as hazardous situation, that has been so much in evidence in the southern part of Torrance.

I have been associated with the oil industry for sixteen years and going through this area twice a day really bothers me. About three months ago I copied from one of the oil journals the second article that has appeared on this subject with the intent to send it to you, to see if someone wouldn't get to work on this problem. (I am enclosing it now.)

The topography of the land in this area is rather nice being slightly hilly with a good view of the Palos Verdes and could be made into a really nice residential section. However, it is surprising to me lately to see that quite a few people have had the courage to invest considerable money in new homes among these old ghost derricks, even though they might catch

fire or topple over and are certainly unsightly to look at.
Over the years Torrance must have received quite a bit of money in taxes from this field. But, it was only in the last couple of years that I noticed any improvement in the roads, not to mention allowing refuse to be dumped all around in that territory. I can well remember the people in that area deciding to annex to Torrance with the idea in mind that they would receive more benefits for their section; in my estimation they have been treated like a step-child. In conclusion, it would seem that something should be done for that end of town too. Get those old wooden derricks down!

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Stella Matherly,
25437 Narbonne Ave.

P.S.—Reminiscing again, in 1934 when I worked on Signal Hill, one of those Texans stopped in one day and said he was amazed at the old wooden derricks that were standing on the Hill... in Texas only the steel derrick was used. Now, after a well is drilled, no derrick is needed at all, the pumping unit will suffice. In Holland, I am told, there are even shrubs

\$150 BPW Grant Awarded To Miss O'Hanlon

Miss Barbara O'Hanlon, recent graduate of Torrance high school, is the recipient of the first annual Business and Professional Women's scholarship of \$150, it was revealed recently by Mrs. Herma Tillim, chairman of the award committee.

Miss O'Hanlon is planning to use the money for her education at El Camino college next year where she plans to major in business.

Assisting Mrs. Tillim on the committee were Mrs. Harriett Covington and Miss Frances Dimitri, BPW members, and Miss Carmelita Rous, Torrance high school dean of girls. The award was presented on the

basis of scholastic ability. Mrs. Tillim said that when a deserving recipient is located, another \$150 scholarship will be presented to an adult woman wishing to continue her studies in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Adelaide Todd, announce the birth of a son, Clinton Adelaide Todd the 2nd, born June 25, at Torrance Memorial hospital, weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Bardin In Germany With Fifth Division

Pvt. Jimmy L. Bardin, whose wife, Elizabeth, lives at 4333 West 173rd street, Torrance, is now serving with the fifth Infantry Division in Germany.



SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED... Paramount Center, 3401 Torrance Blvd., celebrates the grand opening of its new serve-yourself gas station. Grand opening celebrations will continue for six weeks, according to Ollie Shrader, manager.

Paramount Center Adds Gas Station

Paramount Center at 3401 Torrance Blvd. once more enters the expansion mood as it announces the grand opening today of its "Paramount Super Service," a serve-yourself gas station.

This brings to four the major departments of the center which include a building supply center, nursery, and printing department.

A six-week grand opening will be celebrated starting today with many specials, gifts and prizes being given away during this time.

Customers are asked to watch the windows of the new Super Service department for a daily posting of events, Ollie Shrader, manager, stated.

The service station will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. The other departments are open 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and till 9 p.m. on Fridays.

Fred Lincoln To Appear On TV

On Sunday, July 4, Fred Lincoln Jr., of Torrance, will appear as soloist on the Church Talent Show, 10 p.m., Channel 13, according to Vern Vihlene, producer of the show. The guest soloist is a tenor and a member of the First Christian Church of Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis A. Turner, 2017 240th St., Lomita, announce the birth of a son, Kenneth Edward, born on June 25, at Torrance Memorial hospital, weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces.

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Sanford M. Anderson, president-manager of Peoples Federal Savings and Loan association, reports that their directors have again declared the June 30, 1954 dividend rate at 3 1/2 per cent per annum.

This marks the 61st regular semi-annual dividend paid by this pioneer local association since 1923. Peoples Federal are looking forward to a very active reinvestment period during the first 10 days of July.

Due to the continued growth of the association, Anderson further states that this week the association is moving a portion of its facilities, namely the Escrow and Loan Service department, into the new quarters facing on Manchester.

This additional space was acquired when the Greyhound Ticket service vacated and remodeling was done in the Inglewood Book and Stationery store in order to acquire the needed space to build the two new vaults.

The second phase in the remodeling and expansion program will involve the removing of existing vaults which will approximately double the actual working area of the present quarters. The complete expansion program is expected to be completed in the early fall.

Anderson further states that the current financial statement will be published as of June 30, 1954, and will show another sound increase in total assets now more than \$27 million.

Torrance Cadets To Take Training

Ten young men from Torrance High school are among the 1500 California Cadet Corpsmen as the entire group engages in two weeks of field training at Ft. Ord from June 20 to July 3, Capt. Walter Silke, corps commandant, announced.

Torrance men making the trip are Capt. Bill Whittington, 1st Lt. Neil Mahon, 2nd Lt. Walton Giance, 1st Sgt. Jerrel Wood and Sgts. Mike Luongo, Katashi Nakawatase, Ray Nakata, Jack Shioli and Edward Shaw.

The cadets receive instruction in basic leadership, administration and training as grade officers, battalion staff members and military police.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Waterman, of 16922 Eastwood, announce the birth of a daughter, Lynda Suzanne, born on June 26, at Torrance Memorial hospital, weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces.

GP Retires 3 Workers At Torrance

Three Torrance refinery employees of the General Petroleum Corporation retired recently after accumulating nearly a joint total 80 years of oil company service.

They are: Thomas J. McDermott, shift foreman at the refinery since 1945, who has been in refinery operations at both Vernon and Torrance since 1917.

Alvin O. Albert, in refinery work since 1926, has been employed as a treater at the Torrance refinery since 1949.

Ora L. Bingham, whose service dates back to 1941, has been a truck driver for the Engineering - Construction department since 1943.

All three men retire under General Petroleum's Annuity Plan.

EXPLAIN CRAFT PROGRAM

Betty Sharp, Torrance recreation department craft supervisor, today explained the recreation craft program carried on at the various city playgrounds. Some of the parents have been asking if there is a charge made for some of the items furnished in the craft program.

Most of the craft supplies are furnished free to the children. The only charges that are made are for the various items that involve more expense, such as: Plaster of Paris figures, copper, leather and wood projects.

All of these articles are purchased at cost from wholesalers and manufacturers and are resold to the children at no profit to the recreation department.

This system of supplying the craft projects permits the children to work with materials at less expense than they could in their own homes. Not only that, but a child takes more pains with his craft project if he has invested some money in it, Mrs. Sharp said.

The expense would be too great if the recreation department were to furnish all these items free of cost.

Children who obviously cannot afford to spend money for craft project will be furnished articles free of charge.

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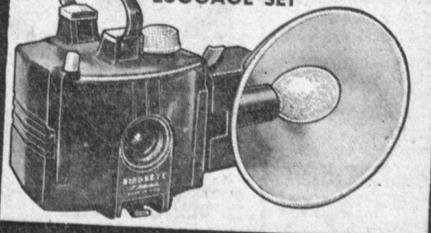
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